

REMARKS

As a result of the restriction requirement issued by the Examiner, Applicant withdraws claims 1 through 7 and 29 through 31 without prejudice and elects to proceed to examination with claims 8 through 28.

Respectfully submitted,

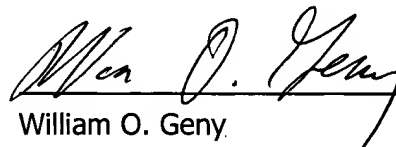


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